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Excerpt from an article in the NEW REPUBLIC dated 6 April 1963 written by Murray Nempton and titled "The Adult Congressman"

"If he is an outsider like John Lindsay, the adult Congressman explores dark towers of the government, like the Central Intelligence Agency, which moves and shakes outside the limits of public or Congressional knowledge. Lindsay and McCarthy and a number of Congressmen have introduced bills to set up a joint Congressional Committee to watch the CIA as the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy watches the AEC.

I called CIA one day and asked them to send down a man for a briefing. I sent them three questions. The first was whether the CIA is financing a certain supposedly private organization in New York; the second was to what extent Mr. McCone has established the danger in Cuba; the third was how the Central Intelligence Agency would feel if Congress set up a committee to watch over its operations.

'Three days later, a little man appeared in my office and announced he was from the CIA and that the answer was negative.

'What do you mean negative? I asked.

'We won't discuss your first two questions, he answered.
'That is our policy. We are an arm of the President and report only to him. On the third question we have no opinion. The CIA does not take a position on legislation before Congress.

'And that is a CIA briefing for a Congressman, "